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# AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China,

Reaffirming the friendly and co-operative relations between the two countries;

Wishing to strengthen and develop economic and technical co-operation between the iron and steel industries of the two countries consistently with the Trade Agreement, done at Canberra on 24 July 1973,<sup>2</sup> and the Protocol on Economic Co-operation, done at Canberra on 22 September 1981;<sup>3</sup>

Have agreed as follows:

## *Article 1. FACILITATION AND PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRIES*

1. The two Governments shall facilitate and promote economic and technical co-operation between the iron and steel industries of their two countries on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity.

2. In this Agreement the iron and steel industry shall include exploration for, mining of and processing of raw material inputs used in, and products and by-products of, the iron and steel industry.

## *Article 2. AREAS OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRIES*

The two Governments shall facilitate and promote economic and technical co-operation between the Chinese and Australian iron and steel industries in the following areas:

- (a) Trade in raw materials, iron and steel and related products, equipment and services;
- (b) Investment in the respective industry of each country;
- (c) Transfer of technology and the provision of training; and
- (d) Other areas of economic and technical co-operation as arranged through consultation by the two Governments.

## *Article 3. FORMS OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRIES*

The forms of economic and technical co-operation between the iron and steel industries within the areas described in Article 2 may include the following:

- (a) Exchange of experts, scientists, specialists and other persons whether individually or in delegations or teams;

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 10 August 1984 by signature, in accordance with article 7.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 975, p. 59.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1368, p. 231.

- (b) Workshops, symposia and seminars; and  
 (c) Exchange of materials and information on production, research and development and economics.

*Article 4. COMMERCIAL CO-OPERATION  
 BETWEEN THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRIES*

In facilitating and promoting economic and technical co-operation the two Governments shall encourage commercial negotiations leading to contracts, joint ventures, barter, compensation trade in products and other arrangements between relevant organisations and enterprises.

*Article 5. JOINT STUDY GROUP*

1. Implementation of this Agreement shall be co-ordinated by the Australia-China Iron and Steel Industry Joint Study Group consisting of representatives including a Co-Chairman designated by each Government. The Joint Study Group shall meet in turn in China and Australia. The Co-Chairmen designated by each Government shall decide the date and place of meetings.

2. In co-ordinating implementation of this Agreement the Joint Study Group shall exchange information on the iron and steel industries of the two countries and as necessary make reports and recommendations to the two Governments concerning issues that may arise in the course of the implementation of this Agreement.

*Article 6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING  
 OF THE JOINT STUDY GROUP*

In order to ensure efficient co-operation, the two Governments shall provide facilities for the holding of the meetings of the Joint Study Group.

*Article 7. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION*

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of signature and shall remain in force concurrently with the Trade Agreement. Extension or termination of the Trade Agreement shall simultaneously extend or terminate this Agreement.

2. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of contracts concluded between relevant organisations and enterprises in the two countries.

DONE in two originals in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

SIGNED at Canberra on 10 August 1984.

SIGNED at Beijing on 7 August 1984.

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[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

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 of Australia

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 of the People's Republic  
 of China

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